

## THE BAPTISTS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Cullom, of Wake Forest, Presides Over North Carolina Convention.

WILSON, N. C., December 9.—A large number of delegates came in last evening and more arrived on the trains to-day to attend the Baptist Convention in session here.

The organization was perfected by electing Dr. W. Cullom, of Wake Forest, moderator, and J. S. Farmer, of the staff of the Biblical Recorder, secretary.

"The Pastor's Relation to the Training of His Church for Service" was discussed by M. A. Adams, of Asheville, and "In Doctrine" by Fred D. Hale, of First Church, Wilmington.

This morning devotional exercises were led by C. M. Rock, of Mount Olive. "Relation of the Pastor to the Prayer Meeting" was discussed by J. Paul Bowers, of Littleton. "The Pastor's Relation to His Congregation and to the Children," by Dr. C. S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, Va. The Relation between the Pastor and the Young People" was spoken of by L. N. Loston, of Blackwell Memorial Church, Elizabeth City. "The Relation of the Pastor to the Home Life of His People," by C. W. Scarborough, of Murfreesboro.

"The Pastor's Relation to the Outside Community" was discussed by T. B. Justice, of Franklin. "The Pastor's Relation to Soul Winning in His Own Congregation" by A. J. Moncrief, of the Raleigh Tabernacle. "Through His Members," by C. T. Watkins, of Goldsboro.

At the afternoon session, devotional exercises by H. A. Willis, of Weldon. "The Pastor's Correspondence Course" was the subject. "The Work and Methods," by Dr. W. B. Cullom, of the chair of the Bible, Wake Forest College. "The Necessity for a Fraternity of Study Among Baptist Ministers and Workers," by C. L. Dowell, Dr. William J. Lawford, of Asheville, preached to-night the regular convention sermon, after which the convention proper will open.

### Judge Resigns.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—Great surprise was created here to-day by the filing of the resignation of Hon. Walter H. Neal as Superior Court judge in the Eighth Judicial District. Judge Neal was here in person and left his resignation in the executive office of Governor Glenn, who has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend a number of conferences there during the week of national importance. The resignation is effective Saturday, December 12th. And Governor Glenn is expected to return from Washington that morning, so that in all probability the appointment of Judge Neal's successor will be made that day, so that his successor can proceed to Johnston county and hold the regular two weeks' term of court beginning December 14th.

Judge Neal would make no special statement relative to his resignation, except to say that his relations on the bench have been most pleasant in every way. That the duties of the judgeship

keep him away from home a great deal, and he has other interests that necessitate his giving up the judgeship. Among those being mentioned as his successor are H. B. Adams, of Wadesboro, who was his opponent for the nomination; W. J. Adams, Carthage; Major H. A. London, Pittsboro; and Lee Richardson, now solicitor in the Eighth.

**Case Again Continued.**  
BRISTOL, TENN., December 9.—The case of L. A. Lackey, who was about to be tried here for the third time on the charge of having betrayed Miss Birdie Pippin, was to-day continued until the March term after the jury had been made up, on account of the absence of a material witness.

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## NOW SEARCHING FOR P. J. KIERAN

President of the Fidelity Funding Company Eludes the Detective.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 9.—Four suits, brought by Eastern banks against the makers of notes discounted by P. J. Kieran, of the Fidelity Funding Company of New York, have been entered in the United States District Court here. The amounts, including protest fees, will reach nearly \$60,000.

**Searching for Kieran.**  
NEW YORK, December 9.—The search for P. J. Kieran, president of the Fidelity Funding Company, of this city, who is charged with larceny and false pretense by a charitable institution of the Catholic Church at Pittsburgh, continues to-day. The Fidelity Funding Company is in the hands of a receiver, who is very anxious to have Kieran come to this city and straighten out its tangled finances. Kieran left Washington yesterday, and was followed by a detective, who lost trace of him at North Philadelphia, where Kieran is said to have left the train. The search for him was renewed in Philadelphia to-day, and was taken up in New York, to which city it was believed Kieran was on his way when last seen.

**Cardinal Knew Nothing.**  
BALTIMORE, Md., December 9.—The attention of Cardinal Gibbons was called to the following statement attributed to William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, regarding the failure of the Fidelity Funding Company, of New York:

"Since the trouble with the funding company began I have been appealed to by many dignitaries high in the church, including Cardinal Gibbons, to act in their interests." The cardinal replied by saying that he has never had any communication, verbal or written, with Mr. Cromwell on this subject, and that he has never had any transaction with said company. He had been repeatedly asked for letters commending the company, he added, but had invariably declined to do so, as he had no personal knowledge of the corporation in question.

## THEY WILL GIVE OUT A STATEMENT

President-Elect Taft and "Uncle Joe" Confer on the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon had a conference of an hour and a half at the Boardman residence, where Mr. Taft is a guest to-day. At its conclusion each participant announced that an arrangement had been made whereby Mr. Taft was to meet the Republican members of the House Committee on Ways and Means to-morrow afternoon, after which a statement will be issued. Until this statement is made Mr. Taft said he and Mr. Cannon had agreed not to discuss what had taken place between them.

The apparent satisfaction with which Mr. Taft explained the situation was taken as an evidence that matters were very much to his liking. It is known, of course, that the subject under discussion between Mr. Taft and Mr. Cannon was the forthcoming revision of the tariff, regarding which Mr. Taft has declared himself most positively in favor of a thorough revision of the tariff.

### P. J. O'CONNOR DEAD

Irish-American Leader Bitten on the Hand by Insect While Fishing.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 9.—P. J. O'Connor, former national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and former national president of the Catholic Knights of America, died here early to-day. While on a fishing trip Mr. O'Connor was bitten on the hand by an insect and became very ill last Wednesday. Pneumonia later set in, causing his death. He was a prominent lawyer here.

## ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED



MISS ANNA HOCH, oldest daughter of the Governor of Kansas, who will wed James W. Reid, of that State.

## ..Manchester News..

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Just what the City Assembly will do with the proposed \$60,000 bond issue when that matter comes up for consideration to-morrow night, cannot be forecast by the most astute city politicians. The members of the Assembly are silent as to how they stand on the question, and will give out nothing for publication. That the ordinance was referred to the Assembly from the Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation by a large majority does not by any means signify that the Assembly will pass it. On the contrary, from what can be learned, its passage is doubtful. The ordinance, coming at the time it did, is regarded by many as a move to defeat consolidation.

**Business Men to Act.**  
To-night, pursuant to a call issued at the last meeting of the Manchester and Chesterfield Business Men's Association, a meeting will be held at the Lafayette House for the purpose of appointing a committee to appear before the City Assembly on Friday night to request that body not to pass the bond issue ordinance. It was the opinion of the association that the city was not at present in a financial position to stand this extra burden. The committee will be named by either the president or a special committee selected to-night for the purpose, and will be on hand at the meeting of the Assembly to-morrow night.

**Carpenters Hold Banquet.**  
The Manchester Carpenters' and Joiners' Union met last night at Fraternal Hall and elected officers for the ensuing year. Other routine business was transacted, after which the organization adjourned to the dining hall of the Lafayette House, where a banquet was served. The names of the officers elected were not given out last night, the president stating that until the elections were confirmed in January the names would be withheld.

**Patrons' Day in School.**  
To-day will be observed in the city schools as Patrons' Day. The parents and guardians of the children and others interested in educational work are invited to make an inspection of the institutions and watch the system of instruction in progress. The usual routine of the day will not be disturbed by the visitors, and they will have an opportunity of seeing school work just

as it is carried on. The second Patrons' Day of the year will be held in March.

**Return from Cuba.**  
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Flynn returned yesterday from an extended bridal tour to Cuba and the far Southern States. While in the South the couple took a trip from Santa Clara to Santiago, over the new railway between the two cities. Mr. Flynn was formerly employed by the company which built this line, and was the first man to run an engine between the two cities, a distance of over 500 miles. While in Cuba Mr. Flynn met many of his old friends. The couple will make their home at No. 1523 Porter Street.

**Officers Elected.**  
The officers of Clopton Street Baptist Church and Sunday school have been elected, as follows:  
Church—Pastor, the Rev. J. C. Miles; Clerk, G. M. Trevillian; Financial Secretary, C. G. Edgus; Treasurer, J. W. Trevelin; Chorister, J. T. Morrisett; Organist, Mrs. H. A. Morrisett; Assistant Organist, Mrs. A. B. Morrisett; Trustees, C. H. Kahl, C. G. Fuqua and A. B. Morrisett.

**Sunday School—Superintendent, J. W. Holt; Assistant Superintendent, G. W. Reams; Secretary, G. M. Trevillian; Treasurer, C. H. Kahl; Organist, Mrs. C. H. Kahl; Assistant Organist, Mrs. A. B. Morrisett; Chorister, J. T. Morrisett; Librarian, M. E. Park.**

**Rev. Mr. Miles Accepts.**  
The Rev. J. C. Miles, who for the past two months has been supplying the pulpit of Clopton Street Baptist Church, has been tendered a formal call to the pastorate of that church, and has accepted. He will begin his duties on Sunday. Mr. Miles is originally from Tennessee, but has occupied pulpits in many cities. His last charge was the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala.

**Saved Money for Funeral.**  
Mrs. Indiana Swan, who died Monday at the City Almshouse as a result of burns sustained at her home early Sunday morning, was buried Tuesday in Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Swan, who was practically without funds, had reserved an amount sufficient for her funeral expenses, and placed it in the hands of a friend, Rev. Benjamin Dennis, of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, conducted the funeral.

**Personals and Briefs.**  
The Industrial Chapter of Meade Memorial Church will hold its annual sale of fancy articles to-morrow afternoon

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Gents' Hat Boxes,	Coat Hangers,
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The Application of Pictures. Russell Sturge. 1905.	Manual of the Flora of the Northern States and Canada. N. L. Britton. 1905.
Architecture of the Renaissance in Italy. 1898.	The Medicinal Plants of the Philippines. T. H. P. de Tavera. 1901.
Bog-Trotting for Orchids. G. G. Niles. 1904.	Modern Cottage Architecture. M. R. Adams. 1904.
British Sculpture and Sculptors of To-day. M. H. Spielmann. 1901.	Our Northern Shrubs. H. L. Keeler. 1903.
Food. Edward Smith. 1902.	Outlines of Inorganic Chemistry. Gooch and Walker. 1905.
The German Workman. W. H. Dawson. 1906.	Outlines of the History of Painting. E. von Mach. 1906.
Glossary of Terms Used in Architecture. J. H. Parker. 1900.	Practical Pocketbook of Photography. E. Vogel. 1903.
Gothic Architecture in England. Franks. 1906.	Principles of Economics. Alfred Marshall. 1898.
A Handbook of Photography in Colors. Thomas Boles and others. 1900.	Reasons in Architecture. T. G. Jackson. 1906.
Historical Handbook of Italian Sculpture. C. C. Parkins. 1883.	The Return to Protection. William Sinart. 1904.
A History of Architecture. Banister Fletcher. 1905.	The Story of Photography. A. T. Blomfield. 1905.
History of Co-operation. G. J. Holyoake. 1905.	
A History of Ancient Sculpture. L. M. Mitchell. 1905.	
How Farms Grow. Margaret Sloan. 1906.	
How to Buy Life Insurance. 1906.	
How to Know the Ferns. Mrs. Parsons. 1902.	
The Influence of the Arts of Design. Russell Sturge. 1905.	
Introduction to Economics. H. R. Senger. 1906.	
Introduction to the Study of Gothic Architecture. J. H. Parker. 1900.	
Italian Sculpture of the Middle Ages. J. C. Robinson. 1862.	

and evening at the residence of Miss Minnie Weisger. A silver offering will be taken at the door, and light refreshments will be served during the sale.

The Alumni Association of the Manchester High School will hold an important meeting this afternoon at the High School building. All members are urged to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

Mr. Sidney Walker, an employee of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, had his hand caught in the machinery at the company's plant on Tuesday. Three fingers were so badly mashed that it was necessary to amputate them.

Miss Annie Lucas has returned to her home in Middlethorpe, after a visit to her cousin, Miss Emma Talley, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dodson, of Crewe, Va., who are well known in this city, will leave to-day at 10:30 o'clock for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will remain several weeks.

The Ordinance Committee held a short meeting at the Council chamber last night. Only routine business was transacted.

Mrs. Oldenshaw, who has been visiting her daughter in this city, left Tuesday for Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. S. G. Carpenter is on a business trip to Norfolk, Washington and other cities.

Mr. E. W. Weisger, who has been extremely sick for the past few weeks, is rapidly recovering.

The Monday Euchre Club has disbanded until after Christmas.

**Two Small Fires.**  
Two small fires occurred yesterday morning, but neither was of serious importance. A valuable rug was burned in a small blaze in the home of Mrs. M. E. Davidson, No. 1003 East Clay Street, and a small blaze started in the Idle Hour Theatre on Second and Broad Streets, but was extinguished before much damage was inflicted.

**STAMPEDE AVERTED.**  
Smoke from furnace caused Theatre Audience to Leave Building.

[Special to the Times-Dispatch.]  
WILSON, N. C., December 9.—Last evening at the Lyceum Theatre, when the second act was on, smoke was seen to issue from the front of a hot air furnace under the stage. Quickly every one were on their feet, but a

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